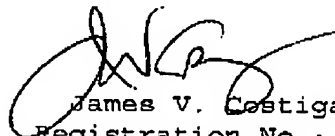


REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed to place claims 9 and 10 in independent form in order to avoid the rejections of record. Claim 1 has been combined with claim 9 and is in effect claim 9 in independent form. For this reason, claim 9 has been canceled. Claim 10 has been amended to be in independent form and is in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-8 are dependent on amended claim 1 and since claim 1 is in condition for allowance, the dependent claims which further limit this claim are also in condition for allowance. New claims 11-17 are based on original claims 2-8 and since they further limit allowable claim 10, they are also in condition for allowance. The subject matter of claims 11-17 does not raise any new issue as they are identical in scope and language to previously submitted claims 2-8. For these reasons, it is requested that this Amendment be entered and all claims allowed.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited

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